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JOYOUS EASTER SEASON.

Special Services in Nearly all the Churches. A Bright and Cheerful Day—and the Services all Well Attended.

From all the pulpits in Bloomsburg last Sunday the story of the resurrection of Christ was told, just as it has been in every Christian Church on every Easter for centuries. Special services were held in nearly all the churches and many were profusely decorated with lilies and other choice flowers. A pleasing feature of the services was the excellent music by the choirs. It was an ideal spring day. The heavy, cold winds which swept over the town the latter part of last week fell during Saturday night, and Easter dawned bright and clear. The sun shone brightly all day, and the air was just cool enough to be comfortable.

At the Methodist Tabernacle the services of the day commenced with a prayer and praise service at 6 o'clock a. m. conducted by W. H. Weaver. At 10:30 the Pastor Rev. B. C. Conner preached with his usual ability. He took as the basis of his remarks, the 57th and 58th verses of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians. This address was not only eloquent and logical, but contained many thoughts of a practical character which the large audience which filled the spacious room could carry with them. The attendance and the offering of the Sunday school was the largest in its history, five hundred and twenty-five being in attendance. The services in the evening were in charge of the Sunday School and they acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. Long before the time for the exercise, the Tabernacle was filled, every seat being occupied, whilst a number stood, and many went away unable to obtain admittance. The following program was rendered in a manner to reflect credit upon all engaged in it.

Song by School.
Prayer by Pastor.
Exercise by Primary School.
Duet by Dr. Hess' little daughters.
Song by School.
Cantata—Hope's Messenger, by several young ladies.
Song by the School.
Benediction by Pastor.
It is estimated that there were 900 people present. The music under the direction of F. B. Hartman was of the usual high order, the anthem rendered at the morning services being unusually fine. The pulpit was beautifully adorned by an artistic arrangement of flowers suitable to the season.

The Easter services at the Presbyterian church were largely attended. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and plants. The Pastor Rev. I. M. Patterson delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion, and the following musical program was rendered. The choir of this church has an enviable reputation which was sustained last Sunday.

10:30 A. M.
Prelude.....*F. dela Tombelle*.
Christ has won the Victory. *Weigand*.
Gloria.....*Emerson*.
Easter Day.....*Kowley*.
Solo Mrs. Melick with chorus.
Offertoire.
Once the Lord of Glory Lay. *Bartlett*.
With solo by Mrs. Elmer Melick.
Postlude.....*Neukomm*.
7:30 P. M.
Impromptu.....*Theo. Leschetizky*.
Chant Christ Our Passover. *Emerson*.
Offertoire.....*Folk Song*.*Nicodé*.
8:30 P. M.
Repetition of Morning Anthems
Allegro in G Minor.....*Harris*.

There were no special service at the Baptist Church. Rev. William Tinker of Gallapoli, Ohio, preached an excellent sermon at the morning and evening service.

ST. PAUL'S.
Every seat was filled at St. Paul's Church, at 6:30 in the morning, and there were chairs placed in the aisles. The chancel was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies, palms, and flowers. The music as published last week, was rendered by a vested choir of twenty-seven, and the universal verdict was that it was the best ever heard in the church. The choir sang with sweetness and much expression, and the solos by Mrs. Dillon, Miss Miller, Miss Harman, and Messrs. Foulk and Hummer were all well done. Prof. Chas. P. Elwell presided at the organ, and handled it with great skill. The music was under the direction of Geo. E. Elwell, choir-master, and we may be permitted to say that we are proud of the choir, and we know the music was of a high

character, and did great credit to all concerned. The successful rendition of the program was due to hard work, and to faithful attendance at rehearsals.

Rev. D. N. Kirkby made an excellent address at the early service, preached at the 10:30 and 7:30 services, attended Sunday school at 9:30, and addressed the same at 4 p. m. The Holy Communion was administered at the first two services in the morning.

Never in the history of the Lutheran Church have they enjoyed such an Easter as this year. From the early service at 6 o'clock until the closing at 9:30 great throngs filled the church, and the services were unusually interesting. The communion was the largest ever held. Twenty-three persons united with the church at the morning service. The church was very handsomely decorated with blooming plants, and palms. The Easter lilies were abundant and their fragrance filled the church. The choir rendered some very choice anthems. The Easter exercises in the afternoon by the Sunday School were the most interesting of the day. The little folks sang Easter songs and recited Easter verses. A number of children were baptized at the afternoon service. In the evening the Pastor preached on The Resurrection and installed the following officers who had been elected the Wednesday evening previous viz. Mr. F. C. Eyer Elder, and Messrs. Chas. Kunkle, Edward Traub, and Frank Bomboy Deacons. The retiring officers were Messrs. John Wolf, Prof. C. H. Albert and D. W. Kitchen.

The services at the United Evangelical Church consisted of an excellent address by the pastor which was in keeping with the day. The church was handsomely decorated with flowers and growing plants.

To the Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and Christian People of Columbia County.

The Pastor's Union of Bloomsburg send greetings and invite you to attend a convention to be held in Bloomsburg, on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday April 14, 1896, for the purpose of re-organizing the Columbia County Bible Society, auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

The afternoon session will be held in the Lutheran church at 2 o'clock, Rev. B. C. Conner presiding, and the time will be devoted to the work of organization. The evening meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, which will be addressed by specially selected speakers, on the importance and work of the Bible Society.

For the purposes of the business meeting the convention will consist of the Pastors of the county and a representative from each of the churches. This, however, is not intended to debar any one from attending.

Arrangements will be made for the entertainment of all delegates from the county. Such persons are requested to send their names to the undersigned committee. By order of the Pastors' Union.

REV. C. H. BRANDT, Pres.
REV. I. M. PATTERSON,
Attest. Committee.
F. F. BOAS, Sec'y.

WAGNER-KINNEY.

A very quiet, but happy home wedding took place last Thursday at the home of Miss H. May, daughter of the late Dr. Kinney, on East street. The contracting parties were Charles H. Wagner, of Ashland, and Miss H. May Kinney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. C. Conner of the Methodist church, in the presence of only a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bride wore a handsome white silk gown, whilst the groom was dressed in the conventional black. After a bountiful dinner the happy couple took the 3:25 train on the Reading road for a wedding trip.

Thomas Gorrey, who has the contract for the repairs to the first story of the Opera House, which will be used by J. R. Fowler as a restaurant, is rapidly pushing the same to completion. When the contemplated changes are made it will make one of the finest rooms in the town, being 53 by 57 feet. It will be handsomely decorated and fitted up with the latest appliances.

There were Easter bonnets and gowns galore last Sunday.

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CHROMIS-FISHER.

The new house which George Chromis erected on Reservoir Hill was the scene of a happy wedding on last Thursday evening. The contracting parties were Hattie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Fisher of First Street, and George Chromis. Rev. J. W. Crawford pastor of the Baptist Church at Danville pronounced the words which joined them for life. The groom was attired in the conventional black, and the bride looked handsome in a cream satin, and carried a bouquet of beautiful roses. After the conclusion of the ceremony and congratulations had been extended, the guests partook of a splendid wedding feast. The gifts were numerous and costly. They will reside in the house in which the ceremony took place.

MRS. JUDITH STERNER DEAD.

Mrs. Judith Sterner died at her residence on Market Street last Monday morning after a lingering illness. She was the widow of John S. Sterner and has resided in this place for many years. She was aged about eighty years and leaves to survive her children as follows: William E., James C., Geo. W., Emma intermarried with Thomas Gorrey and Charles H. Sterner. The funeral services were held at her late residence Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock P. M., and the interment was in the Rosemont Cemetery.

CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Church on Monday evening the following persons were elected vestrymen for the ensuing year: C. F. Knapp, J. G. Freeze, Geo. E. Elwell, Paul E. Wirt, J. R. Townsend, G. S. Robbins and J. L. Dillon. J. G. Wells declined a reelection on account of absence from town.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association held last Monday night Charles Kesty, who has been taking a course at the Springfield training school was elected the general secretary. He is fully qualified to fill the position, as he served as assistant for a long time.

Death of Mrs. Rink.

Mrs. J. F. Rink, of Centre township, died on Sunday after a brief illness, aged seventy-one years. She is survived by a husband and two children, Charles and Mrs. Theo. Rush. The deceased was born in Switzerland and came to this country about forty-three years ago, and for the last twenty-eight years resided in the home where she died. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at half past one o'clock, and interment was at Light Street.

A big slide occurred on the North Branch of the Penn. R. R. Sunday afternoon at a point opposite Almedia, by which about one thousand tons of earth and rock came down and covered the track to a depth of from three to fifteen feet for a distance of about three miles. The evening passenger train could not get through. A force of men were put to work at once and they worked incessantly for hours before the track was clear.

The convention of School Directors for the election of a County Superintendent will be held on Tuesday, May 5th. There are four avowed candidates in the field: Boyd Tresscott, of Millville; J. K. Miller, of Espy; E. E. Garr, of Berwick, and C. H. Moore, of Bloomsburg. The canvas being made seems to be a quiet one.

An experienced teacher says that pupils who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who do not, are better readers, better spellers, better grammarians, better punctuators; read more understandingly and obtain a practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires others. The newspaper is decidedly an important factor in modern life.

Judge Bell, of the Blair County Court, granted 68 tavern licenses and refused five applications. He admonished the hotel men to close their establishments at 11 o'clock at night, and to discourage sales of liquor by the flask and bottle. Duncansville borough gets a licensed house for the first time in 17 years.

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